

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

10/625,659

Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 3/28/07.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 2-5 and 9-17.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)   | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application                     |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)                       | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),<br>Paper No./Mail Date _____ |
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| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit<br>of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance  |
|  | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____   |

## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Response to Arguments***

1. Applicant's arguments, see Remarks (pages 6-7), filed on March 28, 2007 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection has been withdrawn.

### ***Terminal Disclaimer***

2. The terminal disclaimer referencing the present application had been filed in the 10/625,597 application. Applicants submitted that "the terminal disclaimer renders the double patenting rejection moot, since the application filed on the same day a terminal disclaimer is only required in the non-"base" application.

### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

3. Claims 2-5 and 9-17 are allowed and renumbered from 1 to 13.
4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art of record fails to teach a method comprising: receiving a set of coordinates from a capture device, the set of coordinates indicating where on a paper data form a set of marks was made without the use of a graphical user interface; mapping the set of coordinates to a time; wherein the paper data form is attached to the capture device, the data form including a clock face and a pair of boxes associated with AM and PM; wherein the set of marks is made by drawing a minute hand and an hour hand on the clock face and checking one of the pair of boxes in claims 9 and 14; further, the prior art fails to teach a method comprising: receiving a set of coordinates from a capture device, the set of coordinates indicating where on a paper data form a set of marks was made without the use of a graphical user interface; and mapping the set of coordinates to a time; wherein the mapping includes: retrieving from memory predefined coordinates indicating where each set of marks corresponding to a time is expected to be made on the capture device; comparing the set of coordinates to the predefined coordinates; determining which of the predefined coordinates is the closest match to the set of coordinates; and storing

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the time corresponding to the determined predefined coordinates in claims 12 and 16. These elements in combination with all of the other elements of the claims are not taught or fairly suggested in the prior art of record. The dependent claims are allowed for the same reasons.

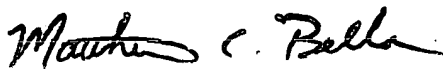
Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

***Conclusion***

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Shefali D. Patel whose telephone number is 571-272-7396. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:00am - 5:00pm (First Friday Off).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Matthew Bella can be reached on (571) 272-7778. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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